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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Examiner's Office Action of April 22, 2005 in which claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 35, and 36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,820,259 to Zveibil (hereinafter "*Zveibil*"). Claims 3, 9, 15, 23, 29, 38, 43 and 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over the *Zveibil* patent in further view of U.S. Patent 1,551,753 to Lane (hereinafter "*Lane*"). The Examiner rejected claims 6, 26, 10, 30, 31, 11, 32, 12, 33, 13, 34, 16, 37, 17, 20, 39, 40, and 41 as being obvious over the *Zveibil* patent in further view of various other patents.

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